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Since the early 1970 's, the North Korean government has systematically abducted, imprisoned and brainwashed 13 civilian Japanese nationals, including 13-year-old Megumi Yokata who disappeared on her way home from school in 1977.

Having met with Megumi's family and other victims of the North Korean abductions, it is clear to me that while the North Korean government has admitted to the abductions, it has yet to divulge all pertinent details about the exact whereabouts or conditions of the Japanese victims.

To assist with the locating of these Japanese victims and bring an end to an unconscionable crime affecting dozens of family members, the American government ought to include the abductions as part of its multi-lateral talks with the North Korean government. The families only wish to be reunited with their loved ones if possible and to know the truth about their present state.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and Senator Richard Lugar, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, urging the American government to include the abductions as part of its multi-lateral talks with the North Korean government.

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